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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON PRM 10

REF: TEHRAN 8289 (NOTAL), BAGHDAD 1694 (NOTAL),
KUWAIT 5272 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED PRESS COVERAGE AND APPARENT
OFFICIAL REACTION IN SOME REGIONAL COUNTRIES TO AMERICAN
NEWS REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON U.S. GLOBAL
DEFENSE POSTURE STUDY (PRM 10). ITEM OF PARTICULAR
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GULF REGION.

2. WE DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER SPECULATION ON
THIS SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE NOT RAISE MATTER WITH
HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS. IF RAISED BY THEM, HOWEVER, YOU
MAY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AT YOUR DISCRETION IF YOU
BELIEVE IT WOULD SERVE TO PUT ISSUE IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE:

A. PURPOSE OF STUDY IN QUESTION WAS TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL NEEDS FOR U.S. FORCE PLANNING BASED ON ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD; PERSIAN GULF WAS ONE OF AREAS MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION, GIVEN ITS OBVIOUS IMPORTANCE.

B. PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON STUDY IN QUESTION NEITHER CONTAINS NOR IMPLIES ANY NEW UNILATERAL USG SECURITY COMMITMENT OR UNDERTAKING WITH REGARD TO ANY REGION OF THE WORLD.

C. THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE AND THE U.S. OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING POSSIBILITIES OF GREAT POWER CONFLICT IN INDIAN OCEAN REGION ARE MUTUALLY CONSISTENT.

3. WE DO NOT WISH TO STIMULATE ANY FURTHER PRESS COVERAGE AND PREFER NOT TO REACT TO LOCAL ARTICLES. IF YOU CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO DO SO, HOWEVER, AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES WITH STATEMENT THAT RECENT STUDY AND PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NEITHER CONTAIN NOR IMPLY ANY UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF USG DEFENSE COMMITMENT IN ANY AREA.

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